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TO : Chief, Water Air Division, TSS

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DATE: 21 AUG 1959

FROM : Chief, Engineering Staff, OC

SUBJECT: Drop Zone Beacon Tests

1. The Office of Communications is developing a Drop Zone Location System under a contract with [redacted]

[redacted] The contractor is in the initial stages of the development and is presently preparing to make feasibility tests of the system. The equipment to be used in these tests consists of modified surplus communications gear with the airborne portion weighing approximately 300 pounds and requiring about 25 cubic feet of space.

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2. In order to make these tests as useful as possible, it would be desirable to conduct the tests using an experienced pilot with an aircraft of the Helio type. It is requested, therefore, that TSS/WAD furnish a pilot and aircraft during the feasibility testing of this Drop Zone Location System. The tests are currently scheduled for the latter part of September 1959 and will last approximately one week. The cognizant project engineer for the development of this system is [redacted]

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